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The Spot Light



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THE SENIOR CLASS
of
BESSEMER HIGH SCHOOL

1948



FOREWORD

*"All the world's a stage
And all the men and women
Are merely players."*

—Shakespeare.

The curtain is going up! Bessemer High School is presenting with pride its first issue of THE SPOT LIGHT. After months of preparation and trepidation the stage is set. The purpose of this year book is to give our public an opportunity to see our school in action—just as it is with all its hopes, dreams, trials, and errors.

The name, THE SPOT LIGHT, suggests a play with all its excitement and anticipation. Our students are the players and you, our public, make up the audience. We wish to depict our school life focusing the spot light upon classes, clubs, and sports. In these pages we shall re-enact for you the school's most memorable events, enhancing the actors so that their performances while in school will live forever in the pages of this book.

As the lights of the school year go down and the actors wait breathlessly behind the curtain, we hope that as you turn the pages you will relive with us the joy and pride which we have experienced in compiling our annual. We hope too, that the future senior classes of Bessemer High School will keep THE SPOT LIGHT burning down through the years so that it may become a tradition and an inspiration to the students of tomorrow.



DEDICATION

We, the members of the class of 1948, wish to make our dedication of this, the first edition of THE SPOT LIGHT a two-fold one. We should like to dedicate it in first part, to our former principal and friend, Mr. W. E. Younts, for his help and leadership during our first three years of high school. In second part, we should like to dedicate it to our present principal, Mr. W. H. Cude, under whose guidance our school has continued to go forward during his first year as principal.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL OF COUNTY OFFICE

EUGENE D. IDOL, *Superintendent*
SALLIE B. NEWMAN, *Director of Elementary Education*
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EMORY C. COBLE
C. H. DONNELL
HARRY MURRAY
JOHN W. SHARPE

SCHOOL SONG

Hail Bessemer High School
We lift our hearts to thee
And may we always be,
Loyal to thee.

Though years will come and go,
Our hearts will ever flow,
With pride and loyalty,
High School so dear.

FACULTY

WENDELL H. CUDE

Principal, Mathematics

A.B., Guilford College, Post Graduate Work, Duke University, Post Graduate Work, University of North Carolina.



MARIETTA S. ALLEN

Mathematics, Social Studies

University of Tennessee, George Peabody College for Teachers, A. B., Woman's College, U. N. C.

*Best wishes to a
very dear friend.
Marietta S. Allen*



EDNA ROBINSON CLAPP

Librarian, English

Graduate, Western Carolina Teachers College, A. B., High Point College, George Peabody College for Teachers.



ELBERTA M. MILLER

Eighth Grade, French

A. B., Greensboro College, Post Graduate Work, Woman's College, U. N. C.

*I hope you have
good luck.
Best Wishes
Elberta Miller*



*All Good Wishes
Iva Bruce Arvin*

IVA BRUCE ARVIN

Commercial Education

Averett College, Danville, Va., Danville School of Commerce, B. S., Radford College, Woman's Division of V. P. I.

AVIS DICKENS GUILL

English

B. S., Converse College, Woman's College, U. N. C.

*Chancery, you have
many possibilities.
I hope you take up
Dramatic. Good luck.
Dr.*

WARREN OMOHUNDRO

Science, Athletic Coach

B. S., Wake Forest College, Post Graduate Work, University of North Carolina.

*Best wishes -
Mabel Robertson*

MABEL ROBERTSON

Home Economics

B. S., Guilford College, Post Graduate Work, Woman's College, U. N. C.



ISABEL COX CUDE

Third Grade

Guilford College.

Mrs. Cude



VANNIE FRYAR

First Grade

Woman's College, U. N. C., George Peabody College for Teachers.

*Best wishes
Vannie Fryar*



EDITH A. HOLT

Fourth Grade

B. S., Asheville College.

*Best wishes to
a sweet little
teacher!*



LOZELLE CAMPBELL

Second Grade

Graduate, Western Carolina Teachers College, Appalachian State Teachers College, University of North Carolina.

ETHEL FIELDS

Second Grade

Appalachian State Teachers College, Woman's College, U. N. C.

EDITH HILL HENDRIX

Fifth Grade

Graduate, Union Academy, Westfield, Indiana, Woman's College, U. N. C.

*I have enjoyed knowing you,
Miss Hendrix.*

JENNIE RAYE MORTON

Fourth Grade

A. B., Salem College, Post Graduate Work, Woman's College, U. N. C.

DAPHNE ADELE REES

Fifth Grade

A. B., Eastern Carolina Teachers College, Post Graduate Work, Eastern Carolina Teachers College.



WILSIE WALKER

Seventh Grade

Woman's College, U. N. C.



ELIZA B. STALLINGS

First Grade

Woman's College, U. N. C.

THETTIS SMITH HOFFNER

Piano, Glee Club Accompanist

B. S., Woman's College, U. N. C., Organ Lessons, Guilford College.

Thettis Hoffner

MAURICE BUNTING

Glee Club Director

Soloist, First Baptist and Grace Methodist Churches, Studied with Francis Thorne, Washington, D. C.



CELIA STOWE

Dietitian, Cafeteria Manager

B. S., Woman's College, U. N. C.

MADELINE N. FLINT

Sixth Grade

A. B., Elon College.

LYLA WILLS WILLCOX

First Grade

A. B. High Point College, Woman's College, U. N. C.

WITHOUT PICTURES

HELEN JONES

Eighth Grade, Latin

B. E., Woman's College, U. N. C.

FRANCES C. HIGGINS

Seventh Grade

FRANCES RANDOLPH

Third Grade

Graduate, Eastern Carolina Teachers College, Woman's College, U. N. C.

ELIZABETH HOWELL

Sixth Grade

SENIORS



JAMES BREWER

President

WALTER CAGLE

Vice-President

MARION GERRINGER

Secretary-Treasurer

*Best wishes
in your future
life at B.H.S.*

ARRIE AMMONS

Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 1; Secretary Class 2; Future Homemakers of America Club 3; Conservation Essay Contest—School Winner of N. C. 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; D. A. R. Dressmaking Contest 4; Secretary-Treasurer 2.

Most Dependable



JOHN ALLEN

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; School Bus Driver 2, 4.

Most Sophisticated

John Allen



J. B. BARBER

Baseball 2, 4.

Best All-Around

*Best wishes to a
swell girl. Nice
knowing you.
J.B.*



GUY BEAVER

Basketball 3, 4; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Conservation Essay Contest School Winner 3.

Laziest



FRANCES BLAKE

Rankin High School 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2.

*Very best regards
to you and your
family from
the Blake family*

JAMES BREWER

Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; President Class 4; Annual Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4.

Most Studious

*Lots of luck
James Brewer*

4000-fac' Tomboy
"Hank"

HERBERT BURNETT

Travel Club 3.

Biggest Woman-Hater



WALTER CAGLE

Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Vice-President Class 4; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 3, 4.

Most Popular

walter Cagle



FAY DONNELL

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Office Assistant 2, 3, 4.

Class Baby

*To a sweet girl
Wish you
success and
happiness to day*

VIRGINIA FERGUSON

Nathaniel Greene High School 1, 2; Vice-President Class 1; Cheerleader 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Glee Club 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3.

Most Original



*lots of luck "gloria"
Frances Bush*

FRANCES BUSH

McLeansville High School 1, 2; Rankin High School 3; Glee Club 2.

Laziest

ROBERT R. CHAMBERS

Dramatics Club 3, 4.

Most Attractive

*Best of luck.
Bobby Chambers*

WILLIAM ELLIS

Basketball 2, 3; Football 4; Manager 4; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Glee Club 4.

Most Original

William Ellis

MARION GERRINGER

Secretary-Treasurer Class 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; D. A. R. Representative 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Future Homemakers of America 3; Annual Staff 4; Assistant in Commercial Department 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Saluatorian.

Most Studious

Good-luck.

Marion Gerringher

Ellen Hackett

ELLEN HACKETT
Girls' Athletic Association 3.



James Hall

JAMES HALL
Oak Ridge Military Institute 1,
2; Rifle Club 1, 2; Camera Club
1, 2; Cheerleader 4.

Biggest Applepolisher



Katie Hill

KATIE HILL
Glee Club 3, 4; Basketball 3;
Monogram Club 3, 4; Marshal
2; Girls' Athletic Association 3.

Most Sophisticated



Peggy Kelly

PEGGY KELLY
Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Treas-
urer 2; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4;
Cheerleader 3, 4; President Class
1; Basketball 2.

Biggest Man-Hater



BILLIE SUE LONG

BILLIE SUE LONG
Girls' Athletic Association 2;
Future Homemakers 2; Vice-
President 2; President Class 1, 2;
Senior Scout 2, 4; Secretary 2, 4;
Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Cheerleader 4;
Dramatics Club 4.

WILLIAM LEWEY
Glee Club 4.
Most Dependable

*To a nice gal.
William Lewey*

*Lots of luck to a swell girl!
Norma*

NORMA LEE LOWDERMILK

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary Class 3; Newspaper Staff 3; Secretary-Treasurer Class 3.

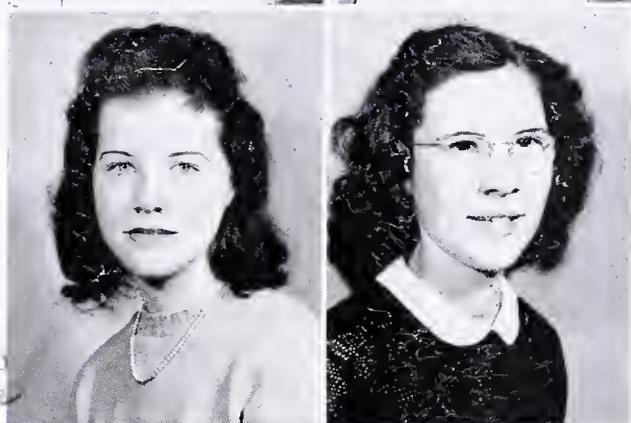
Best Dressed



RACHEL LOWE

Glee Club 4; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Future Homemakers of America 3.

*May the best always be at hand
for you. You're a
swell girl, Rachel.*



JEWELL MOTLEY

Girls' Athletic Association 3.

*With my best wishes
to you.
The best by Jewell
Jewell Motley*



IRIS O'FERRELL

Girls' Athletic Association 3; Vice President 3; Senior Scout 3, 4; President 4; Cheerleader 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; President 4; Basketball 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

Best All-Around



*lots of luck to
a swell girl.
Bucky*

REBECCA LOWDERMILK

Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Newspaper Staff 4.

Most Talented

MARJORIE MANESS

Proximity School 1; Glee Club 1.

*Good luck to a swell
person.*

Majorie

GERALDINE O'BRIANT

Glee Club 1, 4; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 3; Girls' Athletic Association 3.

*Best Wishes
"Gerry"*

MARY ANN PHILLIPS

Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2; President 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Secretary 4; Marshal 2; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Captain 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; D. A. R. Representative 3; Civitan Award 3; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Valedictorian.

Most Athletic

*you're tops in
the class of '41.
Mary Ann Phillips*

FRANCES ROBINSON

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2; Basketball 2.

Most Conceited



Foy Royal

FOY ROYAL

Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3; Football 2.

Class Baby



DOROTHY SHARPE

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3.

Biggest Liar

*Good luck to a
good girl*



Betty Squires

BETTY SQUIRES

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; President 1; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 3; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Secretary 3; Travel Club 3; President 3.

Wittiest



R. L. SWING

Monogram Club 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4.

Wittiest

R. L. Swing



HAROLD TEETER

Oak Ridge Military Institute 2; Rifle Club 2; Glee Club 2; Choir 2; Eagle Scout 2; Dramatics Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Travel Club 3.

Most Conceited

*Mr.
"Van Dyke"
Dexter*



RICHARD TROLLINGER

Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Football 4; School Bus Driver 4.

Biggest Liar



CEDELIA WAGONER

Gibsonville High School 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2; Secretary 2; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Basketball 4.

*Miss
Wagoner*

Men's

MORRIS WHITLEY

Dramatics Club 3, 4; Treasurer
4; Basketball 4.

Most Talented



WILLIAM B. WOOD

President Class 3; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Editor-in-Chief Newspaper 3, 4; Editor-in-Chief Annual 4; Basketball 3; Civitan Award 4.

Most Likely to Succeed

Bill Wood



J. B. WYRICK

Driver School Bus 3, 4; Basketball Manager 4; Monogram Club 4.

Best Dressed



MASCOTS

Nina Jean Freeze
Eddie Peterson

NANCY WILLIAMS

Glee Club 2, 3; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Cheerleader 2.

Most Attractive

LUCILLE WOODARD

Glee Club 2, 4; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 2; Newspaper Staff 3; Cheerleader 2.

Most Likely to Succeed

WITHOUT PICTURES

**BETTE ROBINSON
JOHNSON**

**VERNIE W.
STRICKLAND, Jr.**

CLASS HISTORY

By IRIS O'FERRELL

It is the last chapel program that we as high school seniors will attend. Today we are wearing serious expressions to match our caps and gowns. As we march sedately down the aisle to our front row seats, we realize that we have come a long way since our first day in school when forty-five excited boys and girls stumbled down the aisle to their side seats.

We are conscious of the fact that there is a speaker who has been invited for our special benefit but we soon realize, however, that his voice is only a background for our thoughts which are drifting back to the past.

We see ourselves as first graders when Miss Fryar and Mrs. Willcox tied our shoes and kept us out of mischief. We even remember a play given by us as first graders. The outstanding performers that we recall were: R. L. Swing as a baker and Norma Lowdermilk as an angel—how they have changed!

Although the following years were not so exciting, we now see that they were the basic steps leading to high school.

The excitement of our homerooms being in the high school building and the privilege of changing classes came to us in the eighth grade. The boys and girls were becoming interested in each other at that early age, but what a great disappointment we had when we were pushed into separate rooms.

As time passed our minds drifted back to our freshman year in high school. We shall long remember the party our grade parents gave us at the Battleground club house.

Adding the twelfth grade meant that we were sophomores, but we really felt that we represented the junior class. Our faculty advisers were Mrs. Iva Arvin and Mr. T. S. Cheek. The high light of this year came when we, acting as juniors, presented the Junior-Senior banquet at the O. Henry ballroom.

Upon entering our junior year we again had the feeling that we were not juniors, but seniors. We had no graduating class that year; although Ruby Whitley, Alice Grubbs Hornaday, Anna Laurie Smith, Kenneth Vaughn, Chester Pierce, and Eugene Wren completed the required work and received their diplomas. We honored these graduates with a party at the Vick Chemical Company club house. Our newspaper, *The Mouth Piece*, was re-established that year. Bill Wood was Editor-in-Chief with Mary Ann Phillips as his assistant. Mrs. Garland Clapp and Miss Dixie Guill were faculty advisers. Mrs. Arvin's commercial department mimeographed the papers.

Our senior year with the leaders—James Brewer, President; Walter Cagle, Vice-President; and Marion Gerringer, Secretary-Treasurer—has been a year of many changes. Mr. W. E. Younts, former principal has retired and Mr. W. H. Cude is now carrying on as principal. *The Mouth Piece* is no longer a mimeographed paper but a printed one.

Of course the Junior-Senior Banquet on April 9 was one of the high lights of our senior year.

This last year has really marked an era of increased activity on the part of the senior class.

In addition to publishing a printed newspaper we are putting out Bessemer's first printed annual. Bill Wood, Mrs. Garland Clapp, our faculty adviser, and other members of the staff have spent many hours on this project. Arrie Ammons not only sold the most ads for our annual, won both a school and county prize in the Soil Conservation Contest, but was winner in the Dress Making Contest for North Carolina sponsored by the D. A. R.

Erleene Bason was chosen Queen in Greensboro's second annual March of Styles beauty contest.

The magnificent stage production, "Who Wouldn't Be Crazy," one of the most important achievements of the year, had an entire senior cast with the exception of one character.

The stage was so crowded for any program where a good many people were participating that we are leaving as our gift to the school an extended apron to it.

Indeed the days spent as seniors at Bessemer High School have been happy, busy ones. We are proud of all our accomplishments, but our Annual, THE SPOT LIGHT, really stands out above them all.

CLASS MOTTO

"We ask not for the world, only a place in it."

CLASS FLOWER

Red Rose

CLASS COLORS

Red and White

SENIOR PRAYER

By JAMES BREWER

With memories still lingering, we bid farewell,
To thee Bessemer, our Alma Mater dear.
A world of confusion awaits us just ahead;
These are troubled times—of war and strife we hear.

Thankful to Thee for guidance through former years,
Lord, may we never falter nor go astray.
Our ideals, a heritage we hold most dear;
And with God's help we shall preserve it always.

Help us each to face the Future unafraid,
With an undimmed vision, make us strong in might.
God, strengthen, lead, and guide us in Thine own way;
We need Thy divine help to do the right.

AMEN.

CLASS WILL

Bessemer High School
City of Greensboro
County of Guilford:

We the Senior Class of 1948, being sound in mind, do hereby declare this to be our last Will and Testament; hereby rendering null and void any former wills and bequests that may have been previously made.

We leave no special instructions regarding our departure, but we hope to be remembered in the days to come for all our many virtues and accomplishments, instead of our few and trivial faults.

It is to be understood that this is the composite will of the forty-five separate souls who are combined into a powerful organization known as the Senior Class.

ITEM I

To our principal and faculty we leave our thanks for a job well done, as well as the memory of those four short years during which we were under their guidance.

ITEM II

Oh! You lucky "will be Senior," Juniors that you may be now—you are to be left many varied and valuable possessions and privileges!

First on our list is our immeasurable ability to get things done. Second is a pamphlet on the subject of how to get around certain teachers, and which ones you can't get around. This is valuable literature so don't let the teachers find out about it, as they may change their tactics. You may have our luck—it keeps you out of trouble, Bun's and Brady's—except on Saturday nights, any old papers, answers written in books (French that is!), any old broken pencils or torn notebooks, second hand bubble gum (located under the desks, *stupid!*), Mrs. Clapp (as a homeroom teacher), and last, the honorable and dignified title of Senior.

ITEM III

Give thanks O lowly Sophomore, along with the allegedly honorable title of Junior, you are being left the well known nerve of the Seniors. Use it well and your pathway will be smoothed by it, but remember that a man's hardest fall is over his own bluff. The rest of our patience we bequeath to you also, for you will be in sore need of it when these cocky Juniors have come into their own as Seniors. Lastly, we have for you our most prized possession, our good will.

ITEM IV

Freshmen, read and rejoice. Such generosity as befalls you, comes only once in a lifetime. Along with the presumptuous rank of Sophomore, you are to be given the privilege of striding up and down the hall as if you were really of some importance. You will be permitted to speak of the graduating class in a reverent manner, of course. Also to you we give our patience, as you will need much of it in order to endure the shortcomings of the Juniors.

ITEM V

To our most recent offspring, the new Freshmen, we leave the honor of reading the famous names and initials artfully carved upon various desks. Also, they have our permission to erect in honor of our Senior Class, a marble shaft inscribed with the famous names of its honorable members. Last but not least we leave for them a map of the high school, so they won't get lost and stray back to the grades.

ITEM VI

To the school we give the right to gaze with admiration upon the trophies and to remember the many honors that we have won in the past four years.

ITEM VII. *Individual Bequests and Bequests of a Lesser Nature*

Bill Lewey wills his honesty to Babe Campbell (who needs it most?)

R. W. Hepler leaves his romantic and athletic abilities to Tommy "Eager" Beaver (who is in need also).

John Allen bequeaths his breath-taking build to Jack "Muscles" Tuttle—a noble gesture.

Arrie Ammons wills her bathing beauty figure to Betty Woodard.

J. B. Wyrick leaves . . . (he hopes) . . . contented.

J. B. Barber leaves his good looks and personality to Juan and Bob (who gets What?)

Peggy Kelly leaves her great store of social information (that's gossip) to Mildred Jenkins.

Frances Robinson leaves her gangster look (brr-r-r-r-r) to any one who can manage it.

Richard "Packy" Trollinger wills his personality to the whole Junior Class.

Virginia Ferguson bequeaths her alleged sophistication to that lucky girl, Jeanette "Swing It" Tussey.

Mary Ann Phillips wills her great knowledge to the entire Junior Class, in hopes that when it is divided among them, they will be intelligent enough to at least pass their work. She also wills her pug nose to Roger Lowdermilk in hopes a compromise between the two will bring a fair result to both.

Foy Royal and Fay Donnell will their silliness to David and Bobbie Jean.

Marion Gerringer leaves her innocence to Mary Ellen Hulon.

Hank Burney says, "Well, I think I'll just leave and be glad to get out, by gum."

Bill Ellis leaves his wit and gag-pulling to "Hands" Clendenin.

Anna Laurie Jordan wills her fair weather curls to all the high school girls whose hair is naturally straight. Among them, they may be able to get a curl apiece. We certainly hope so!

Frances Blake and Marjorie Maness will their quietness and shy manner to their friends, Ernestine Leonard and Ann Dixon.

Nancy Williams and Bobby Chambers will their attractiveness to the two lucky stiffs winning the title next year.

Walter Cagle bequeaths his laziness and ambition of not having to work to Herbert Needham and Buddy McDaniel.

Bill Wood leaves his managing ability to Bill Bigham and David Starr. They are free to divide the headaches between them.

Dot Sharpe wills her ability to make with the gab-gab to Annie Laurie Harris.

R. L. Swing bequeaths his weight and influence to Jimmy Apple.

The "Big Four"—Ellen Hackett, Jewell Motley, Cedelia Wagoner, and Frances Bush—leave their organization to any four girls in high school who want to take over.

Lucille "Sis" Woodard leaves her sweet disposition and ability to get along with people to Barbara Taylor.

Rebecca Lowdermilk bequeaths her ability to play the piano to Sammy Blake!

Guy Beaver bequeaths his height and, as he says, his good looks to that dashing man about town, Herbert Jones.

Martha Ingold is the proud receiver of Billie Sue Long's, or shall we say Williams', ability to get "That Man."

James Brewer, the woman charmer, hopes there will be someone to take his place next year. Don't all you Junior boys jump at once!

The three stooges of the Senior Class—Iris O'Ferrell, Gypsie Barckman, and Betty Squires—regret there is no one with whom to leave their conspiracy with Miss Guill.

Morris Whitley leaves his red hair to Charles Cooper who got a "new-look" hair-cut and lost his.

James Hall regrets that David Nance's station wagon will have to replace his "great big Jeep" next year. Don't cry, James.

Katie Hill's place as soloist of the present graduating class will naturally be filled by Peggy Nave.

The coveted honor of being the best dressed Senior girl is passed from Norma Lee Lowdermilk to Pearl Kornegay.

Rachel Lowe and Geraldine O'Briant want to leave their undying friendship to Martha DeLancey and Mary Elizabeth Hill.

Harold Teeter, our walking encyclopedia, leaves his great store of knowledge to Keith Smith.

The Senior Class will take with them the style Queen—Erleene Bason, but we will leave the happy memory to those who attend classes with her.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fourth day of the fifth month of the one thousand, nine hundred and forty-eighth year of our Lord.

Witnesses:

MR. W. H. CUDE, Principal

MRS. EDNA R. CLAPP

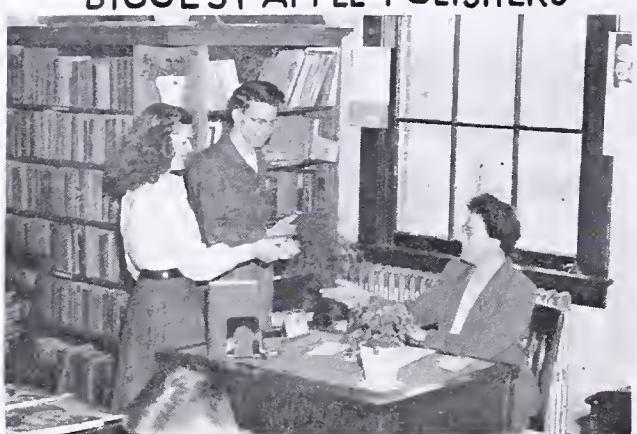
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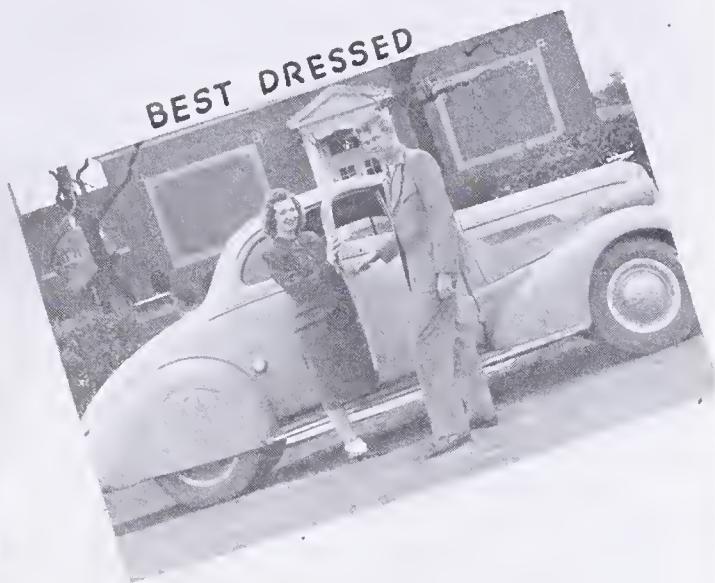
Superlatives



MOST TALENTED



BEST DRESSED



MOST ATHLETIC



MOST CONCEITED



LAZIEST



MOST-SOPHISTICATED





WHO'S WHO IN THE SENIOR CLASS

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| John Allen | Breath takingly built |
| J. B. Barber | Sincere in manner and thought |
| Guy Beaver | Daddy Long Legs |
| James Brewer | Atlas, Jr. |
| Walter Cagle | "Devilish" |
| Robert R. Chambers | POP |
| William Ellis | Lengthy orator |
| James Hall | Man with a jeep |
| R. W. Hepler | Ladies' Charmer |
| William Lewey | Unassuming |
| Foy Royal | Perpetual fear of rain |
| R. L. Swing | Where ever seen means accurate weight |
| Richard Trollinger | Curly-haired baby |
| Harold Teeter | Knows a little bit about a lot of things |
| Morris Whitley | Spirited red-head |
| William B. Wood | Supreme Authority |
| J. B. Wywick | Good for nothing but love |
| Arrie Ammons | Co-operative spirit |
| Erleene Bason | Much ado about nothing |
| Gypsie Berckman | Esscntial technician |
| Frances Blake | Evident but not effervescent |
| Frances Bush | The stranger |
| Fay Donnell | She who talks most and says least |
| Virginia Ferguson | Answer to patients' prayers |
| Marion Gerringer | Short, cute and studious |
| Ellen Hackett | Beautiful blue eyes |
| Katie Hill | Surprising soprano |
| Peggy Kelly | Lover of horses |
| Anna Laurie Jordan | "Plum" sincere |
| Rebecca Lowdermilk | Musically minded |
| Norma Lowdermilk | Unfiery redhead. |
| Rachel Lowe | Attractive homemaker |
| Marjorie Maness | Retiring |
| Jewel Motley | Beautifully adorned |
| Geraldine O'Briant | Dream date |
| Iris O'Ferrell | Attractive personality |
| Mary Ann Phillips | Unpredictable |
| Frances Robinson | Big flirt |
| Dorothy Sharp | Cheerful chattercr |
| Betty Squires | Girl with the inside job |
| Cedelia Wagoner | Likable |
| Lucille Woodard | Jovial |
| Nancy Williams | Homemaker's inspiration |
| Billie Sue Long | Matrimonially inclined |

CLASS PROPHECY

By KATIE HILL

Tired, mentally tired, but thoughts are too persistent to really welcome slumber! I need help in accomplishing this special task of foreseeing what the future holds for the senior students of Bessemer High School. Too worn out to think further, I sit underneath the old oak, just day dreaming—or I thought so. All at once the winged child, Morpheus, who fashions the dreams of mortals, is beckoning me to come with him.

Swiftly he leads me through the years to a magnificent city of modern design. Here in this great metropolis people have gathered from all parts of the globe to see a parade of the most outstanding people of the world. There are many people of renown, but I am most interested in my classmates of Bessemer High School who are now taking their places in the world.

Heading this parade is none other than dear old Mary Ann Phillips, who is one of America's best known society editors.

Next in line are Professor Bill Lewey and his faithful wife, Marion Gerringer, who works with him in his famous Cancer Research Laboratory.

Following these I see R. W. Hepler and his schoolgirl sweetheart, Cedelia Wagoner. They are now married, and he, Cedelia, and their six boys are fast gaining fame as "The Helpers and Their Sextet Basketball Team."

Next in line comes the well-known Walter Cagle, who is working as chief engineer on the Burma Road. He is known as the famous bachelor who left a girl or sweetheart on every road.

Then I see Richard Trollinger and J. B. Wyrick who are associated with the famous Jones and Tucker Transfer Co., J. B. as owner and Richard as co-owner.

Following come Lucille Woodard and Geraldine O'Briant, who are now serving as head nurses for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation of America.

Next are Bill Wood and Virginia Ferguson, that beloved couple, whom the world will remember as two who have contributed much in a medical way for the betterment of humanity.

Then there are Anna Laurie Jordan and her husband who own and operate one of the largest cattle ranches in the world.

There comes next in line Dr. Hank Burney, a famous educator of Harvard University.

Then there is that famous old maid of the crowd, Peggy Kelly, who has been married five times. (Peggy always said that her only love was her beautiful horse, Spitfire.)

Dot Sharpe is one of the paraders. She nursed that famous millionaire, Howard Hughes, back to health after his nearly fatal airplane crash.

Frances Robinson, head of the Training School for Air Hostesses, and her assistant, Rachel Lowe, come next.

Two other famous people I see are Gypsie Berckman and J. B. Barber, who have been given recognition for their work in the mission field by Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

Bobby Chambers, who is known for his expert sales talks is another in the procession.

Jewell Motley and her husband who have won fame as owners of the famous restaurant, Breakfast in the Desert Town, are next.

Arrie Ammons comes next as a famous Parisian designer. The Associated Press is reporting now her work of designing a trousseau for the second marriage of Queen Eliza-

beth. Norma Lee Lowdermilk, famous the world over for her lovely flowers grown in her own home garden, "The Garden of Eden," has been selected to decorate Buckingham Palace for the wedding.

I see next Morris Whitley and James Hall. They are famous for the building of London Bridge after the first bridge had given away.

Following these come our first lady of the stage, Nancy Williams, who has taken the place of the late Catherine Cornell.

Next I see the Romeo of stage and screen, Bill Ellis, who loves all the women, be they white or red.

James Brewer, who has gained fame from his trip around the world in his plane, "The Constellation," walks by. He broke the speed record with a two-hour non-stop flight.

Next comes Rebecca Lowdermilk, a famous little lady, who is well known for her organ compositions.

Foy Royal, head of the Pharmaceutical Association of America, is known for his interpretation of Latin formulas.

Two other famous people in line are Frances Bush and Ellen Hackett, who have helped thousands of boys and girls to find themselves in life.

The parade moves on and I see Frances Blake and Marjorie Maness, who have contributed much to our modern hair-styles.

A sight causing much speculation from the crowds, is the millionaire, Guy Beaver, who is being carried on a magnificent bed borne by seven Chinese coolies.

Next in line is John Allen, head of the Nut and Bolt Co. (I remember his saying, "Nuts will be nuts!"

The talented lady next in line is the famous novelist, Betty Squires, who is now writing a sequence of her life's romance, *He Didn't Come*. This second book is entitled, *I Have Not Given Up Hope*.

Following I see Iris O'Ferrell, a famous Scout leader, who has scouted her way over the Swiss mountains.

Hal Teeter comes next in line. He who needs no introduction is the famous editor of *Times Magazine*.

Another attraction of the parade is Erleene Bason, who is said to be one of the ten most beautifully dressed women in the world.

Another famous person I see is R. L. Swing, who is the world's most famous magician. One of his well known tricks is the feat of plucking coins out of the air.

Last, comes the well known baby sister, Fay Donnell, who has edited the booklet, "How to Care for Babies."

My dreaming was interrupted by my mother's calling, "It's time to go to glee club practice, Katie." My companion left me as quickly as he came—and I must dress to catch the trolley, but I shall treasure this insight I've had into the lives of the Senior Class of '48. My vision of each is a symbol of the worthwhile person each has possibilities of becoming.

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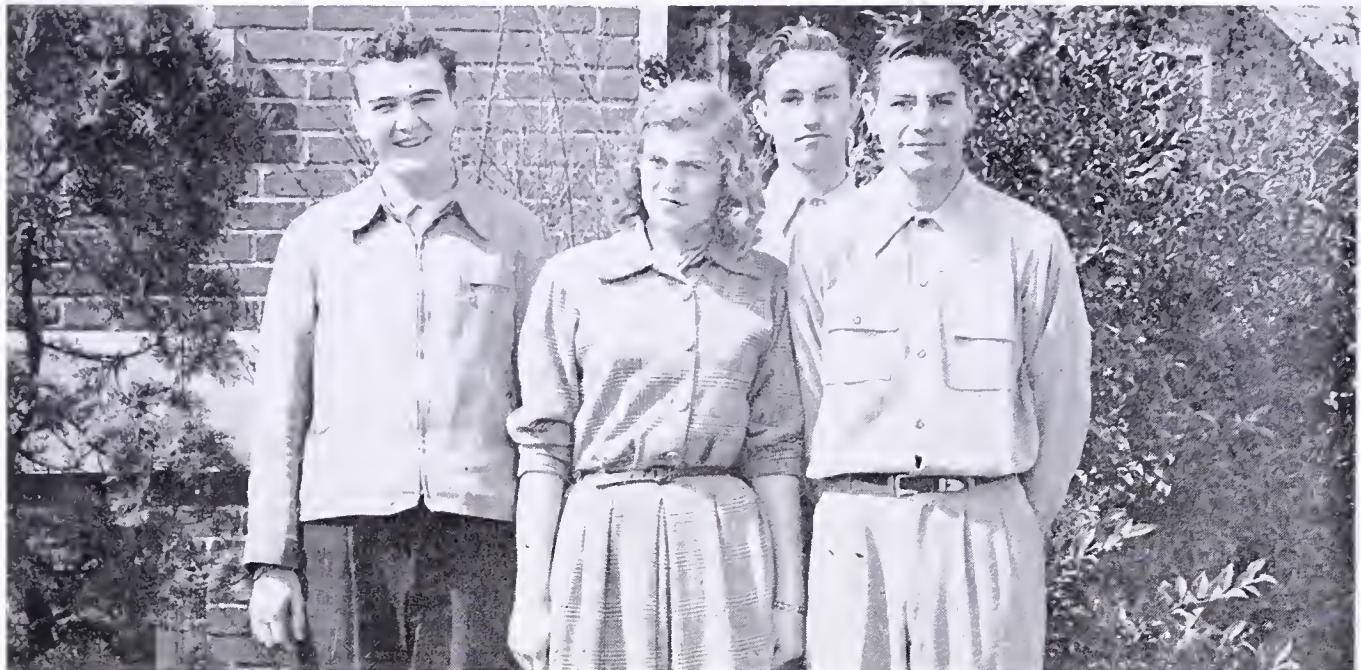


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The Annual Staff by much serious thought and hard work has produced this first issue of THE SPOT LIGHT. Much time was spent in studying other annuals, organizing, and arranging the material for this yearbook. Not only have we as members of the staff worked hard on this project, but the Commercial Department has given us valuable assistance.

GLEE CLUB



The Glee Club under the direction of Mr. Maurice Bunting and Mrs. B. I. Hoffner is made up of students from the eighth grades and the high school.

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Seated: Virginia Ferguson, Society Editor; Gypsie Berckman, News Editor; Bill Wood, Editor-in-Chief; Mary Ann Phillips, Associate and Managing Editor; Barbara Taylor, Assistant News Editor.

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This is the first time Bessemer High School has had a printed newspaper. To publish a monthly paper was a big undertaking, but by hard work, THE MOUTH PIECE has been published for eight successive months. We owe much of the credit for the success of this publication to Mr. Percy Starr, and his son Bill, who have helped us in the organization, setting of type, and getting it to the printer. We appreciate also the aid and support of our advertisers and any others who have helped us in this project in any way.

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ALL COUNTY BOYS



Front Row: R. L. Swing, Tackle; Richard Trollinger, Guard.

Back Row: Colin Campbell, End; R. W. Hepler, Half-Back; David Nance, Quarterback.

These boys, members of the Guilford County Football Squad, were chosen to make up this team by vote of the Coaches from all the county schools.

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Second Row: Bobby Clendenin, Walter Cagle, Guy Beaver, R. W. Hepler, Colin Campbell,
J. B. Wyrick, Manager.

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Seated: Albert Bigham, Bobby Strickland, Joe Lineberry, Paul Barber, Bobby Clendenin, David Nance, J. B. Barber, Bobby Sharpe, Porter Lowdermilk, Jack Tuttle, and R. W. Hepler.
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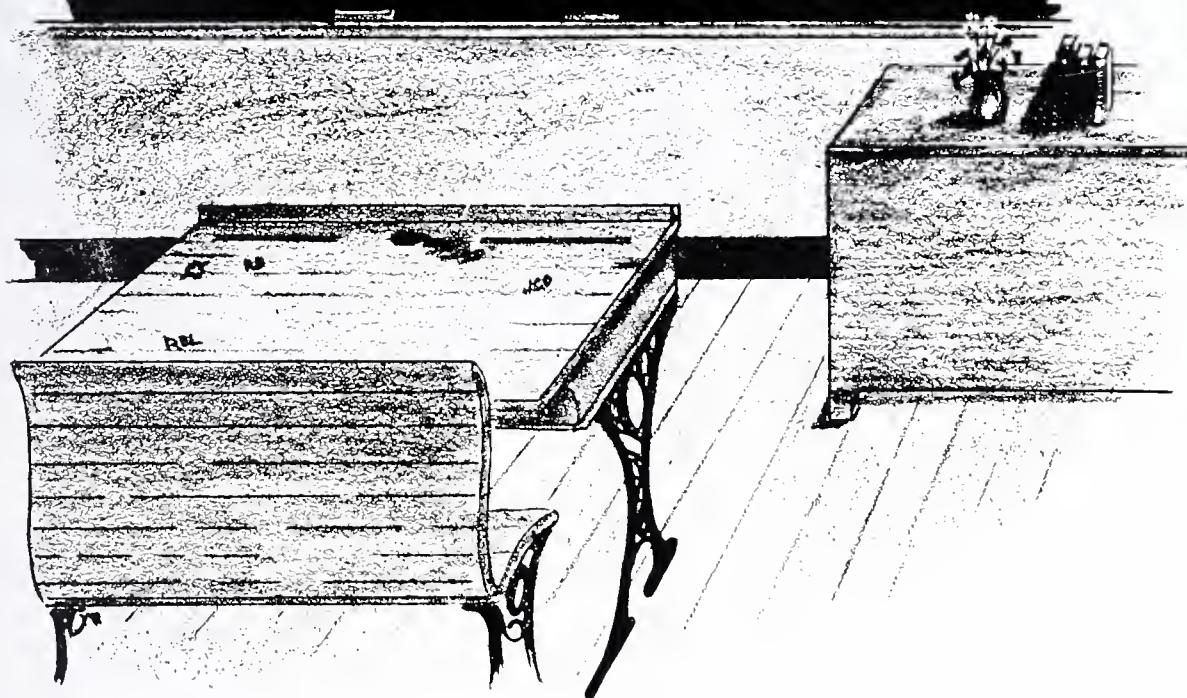
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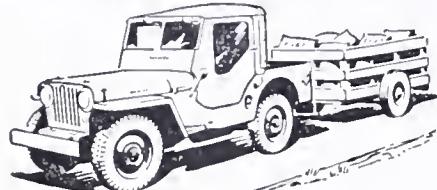
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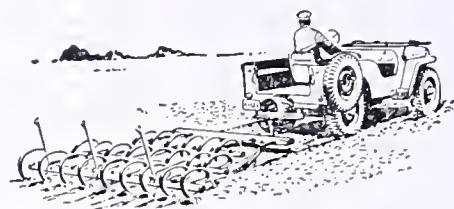
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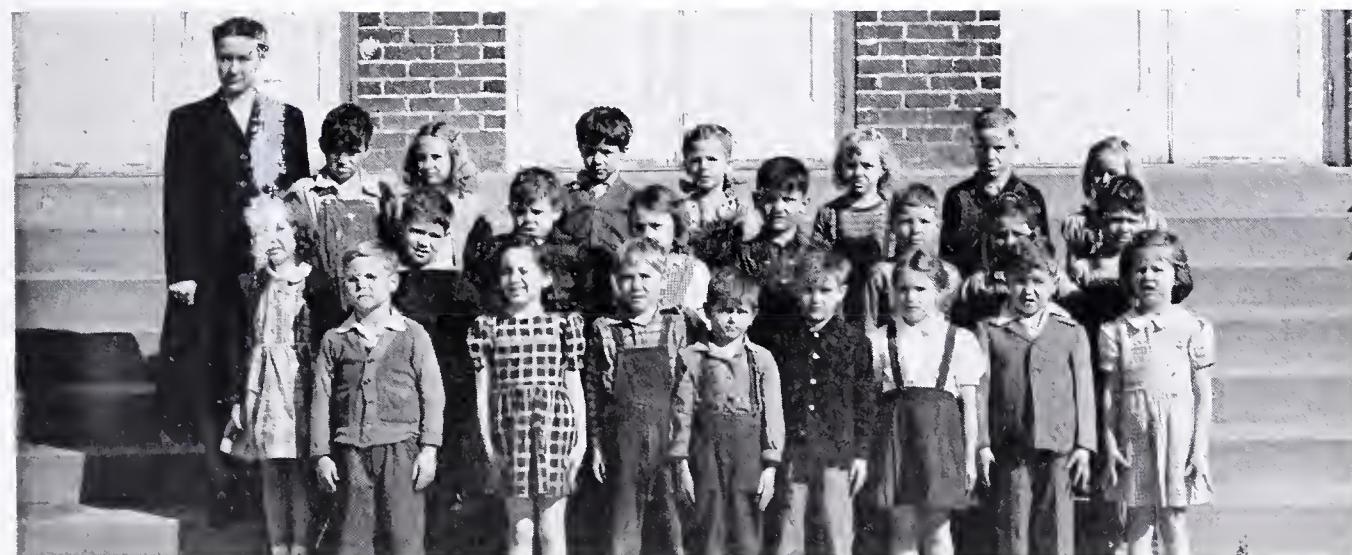
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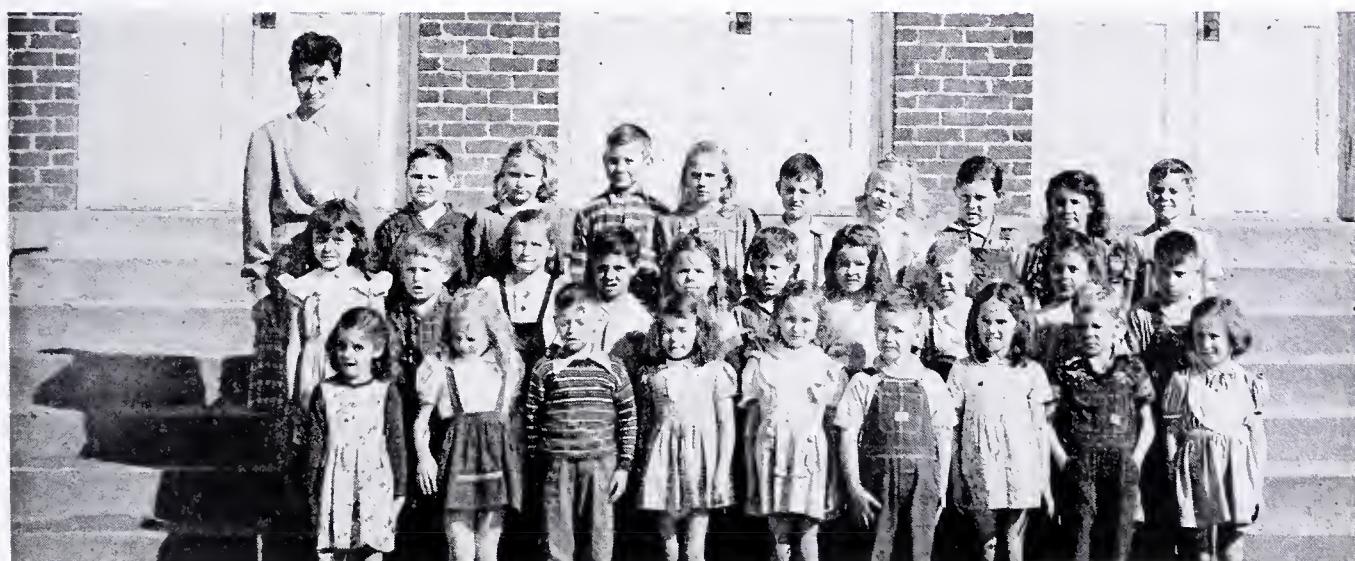
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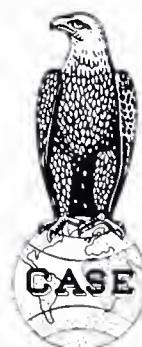
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"You a very nice girl"

Peggy Coake

"Best of Luck"

Betty Cockman

From Shirley

Tommy

Burton

Tommy

Woodard

Tommy
Woodard

Merry Christmas

"Best of Luck" me
Larry Allen

"A friend always"

(66) William DeLaney

Keep in good work
going on. William Leary

may there always be
happiness in your life.

G. B. Barker

Good luck!
R. L. Swain

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Robert Lee Wood.
Gibby.

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Missing

Good luck
Gibby

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(to a swell friend)
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To someone, wife of Mr.
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Yours truly,
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May you be as good in your
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Mary B. Lewis

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